



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Blue Ridge High School  
Greenville County  
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,177  
Principal: Reena Watson  
Superintendent: Mr. Burke Royster  
Board Chair: Mr. Chuck Saylor

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2013	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2012	Excellent	Good	Gold	N/A	B	N/A
2011	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Not Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
21	1	0	0	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2013. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
Passed 2 subtests (%)	83.7%	87.6%	85.2%	85.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	9.9%	11.0%	9.3%	9.5%
Passed no subtests (%)	6.4%	1.4%	5.5%	4.9%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2013

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	95.3%	95.0%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	278	354
Number of Diplomas	230	294
Rate (%)	82.7%	82.9%

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2013

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	90.4	78.7
English 1	80.2	76.9
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	84.7	84.5
US History and the Constitution	74.1	68.4
All Tests	82.2	78.1

## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=1,177)</b>				
Retention rate	1.7%	Down from 1.9%	2.3%	2.9%
Attendance rate	95.0%	Up from 94.7%	95.3%	95.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	30.2%	N/A	28.2%	17.5%
With disabilities	11.3%	N/A	10.0%	11.9%
Older than usual for grade	5.2%	N/A	6.3%	7.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.3%	Up from 1.0%	0.8%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	50.5%	Up from 20.8%	26.9%	15.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	25.0%	Down from 28.9%	51.7%	51.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	12.5%	Down from 62.9%	31.3%	30.6%
Annual dropout rate	2.6%	Down from 3.5%	2.2%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Teachers (n=61)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.4%	Down from 58.3%	66.7%	63.4%
Continuing contract teachers	77.0%	Down from 80.0%	79.1%	78.8%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.4%	Down from 85.5%	87.7%	86.2%
Teacher attendance rate	96.1%	Down from 96.9%	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,699	Down 0.6%	\$48,887	\$48,699
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.6%	Down from 5.3%	1.7%	2.5%
Professional development days/teacher	7.2 days	Up from 7.1 days	8.6 days	9.8 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	6.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.8 to 1	Down from 32.5 to 1	29.0 to 1	26.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.6%	Down from 91.0%	90.1%	89.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,202	Up 8.2%	\$6,988	\$7,919
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.0%	Down from 59.3%	59.0%	57.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.0%	Down from 59.8%	61.0%	60.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	94.2%	Down from 95.0%	97.4%	97.7%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	81.8	Down from 88.0	81.1	77.4

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	69	226	12
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.3%	88.5%	91.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.6%	86.7%	100%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	86.9%	92%	81.8%

\*Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Blue Ridge High School serves a tightly knit community in the Northern part of Greenville County. Parents and businesses are highly supportive of the school's varied academic, athletic, fine arts, and extra-curricular offerings. The students, faculty, staff, parents, and community are proud of achieving Palmetto Gold again, as a result of significant increase in student achievement. Through more teacher collaboration, a focus on data analysis, involvement of community stakeholders, working with other high achieving schools, and creating opportunities for remediation and mastery, Blue Ridge High continues to increase student achievement.

Our Advanced Placement program has grown to include sixteen courses. Blue Ridge High is the only school in the district to offer four levels of four different foreign languages, and our school has extensive agricultural and technology courses. The graduating class was awarded over \$5 million in scholarship money and 73% of the graduates will attend college or enlist in the military this fall.

The Academic Team, FFA, FBLA, and JCL were successful in competitions at various levels this year. The National Thespian Society was newly formed at Blue Ridge. AFJROTC students participated in community service, charity events, and Cadet Leadership School. The band and chorus continued their award winning traditions at competitions on the local, regional, and state level. Student Council organized many student events and hosted an exceedingly successful Senior Day. SIC organized Ridge Fest, which highlights the school's organizations and clubs to the community. Several teachers received grants to enhance the school and facilitate learning in the classroom.

In the athletic realm, Blue Ridge High is proud of the students and coaches for the high levels of success in various programs. Several athletes from football, swim, girls' golf, boys' tennis, wrestling, baseball, and softball received state recognition for their excellence on and off the field. The boys' cross country team placed in the state competition. The football, cheerleading, volleyball, girls' golf, girls' basketball, baseball, softball, and boys' tennis teams qualified for state playoffs. Football, cheerleading, and boys' tennis won the region and several athletes received local recognition.

Blue Ridge High School will continue to make strides for student improvement through academics, athletics, and the arts. The students are the focal point of every decision. Our goal is that each student in the school will leave with a high school diploma and is prepared to successfully meet the challenges of the world.

Reena Watson, Principal  
Chandra Cisson, SIC Chair

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